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Dear DOJ:

The settlement is extremely fair allowing over a billion dollars of computers and free software to low income schools.

Secondly, I would like to make a very important point to the DOJ that seems to exist in LALA land. Microsoft is a business that creates products that must be sold to generate profits that in turn pays taxes to the Government. No company that exists today or in the future is guaranteed success it is not automatic and it is earned, so the notion by the by the Federal Government and Microsoft competitors (that want to hide behind the courts rather than compete in the markets) that Microsoft is a monopoly are wrong. Microsoft must go out and compete everyday to win customers by the features and benefits of their products. Microsoft is not forcing anyone to purchase their software consumers have a choice.

Finally, I would like to make one more point regarding the Civil lawsuit by AOL against Microsoft this week. AOL doesn't have a leg to stand on regarding their Netscape and Microsoft's Explorer browser. AOL acquired Netscape during the initial law suit and bundled Netscape with AOL just as Microsoft had already done and they are creating a law suit over a mute point. It is called competition and they copied Microsoft's business model and because Microsoft had already bundled their browser before AOL's acquisition of Netscape AOL is suing Microsoft. The AOL lawsuit is absolutely ridiculous and completely unfounded.

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